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**7. Preliminary Amendment:**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:
- "This is a \_\_\_\_\_ continuation  
\_\_\_\_\_ divisional  
of copending application(s) serial number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_."
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ A Petition to Suspend Prosecution For The Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently) is attached.

8. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
- b. ☐ Small entity status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer desired.

**9. Fee Calculation:**

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	72      -20 =	52	x 18.00	936.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	3      -3 =	---	x 80.00	---
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))			270.00	--
BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))				710.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				1,646.00
REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (NOTE 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				--
\$40.00 ASSIGNMENT RECORDAL FEE (if applicable)				---
TOTAL				1,646.00

10. X A check in the amount of \$ 1,646.00 is enclosed.
11. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees (or any deficiency therein) to Deposit Account No. 02-3978 :
- a. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

\_\_\_\_\_ A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until \_\_\_\_\_.

13. X An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is attached, along with the following indicated attachments thereto:

a. x Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet)

b. x Copies of references cited

14. \_\_\_\_\_ Certified copy of priority document(s)

15. X Return Receipt Postcard

16. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ having an address of \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ was recorded on \_\_\_\_\_ at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_.

c. x Applicant requests that the above assignee information be published with the application.

18. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Attorney of Record Reg. No.

\_\_\_\_\_ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

\_\_\_\_\_ The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

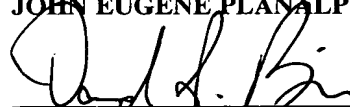
\_\_\_\_\_ A new power has been executed and is attached.

19. Correspondence Address: Please address all future communications to:

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